



YOR ALLAN PIETZ snips ceremonial ribbon at yes-

terday's official opening of the new YM-YWCA building on

East Main St. Looking on is "Y" president, D. K. Johnston and in left background is

Dr. Joseph Leon, finance committee chairman.

— Tribune photo.

Make Best Possible Use Of New "Y", Mayor Urges

Mayor Allan Pietz, speaking at yesterday official opening ceremonies for the new YM-YWCA urged Wellanders to make the best possible use of the \$470,000 facility by becoming 'Y' members and participating in its programs.

"Not only does it give us our first indoor swimming pool, but it provides accommodation for the YM-YWCA to carry out the very fine programs it has available to the people of this community", Mayor Pietz said.

Mayor Pietz noted that the city co-operated in the project through what he referred to as "a happy arrangement that also saw the Royal Canadian Legion relocated in their excellent new quarters on Morningstar Ave."

D. K. Johnston, president of the Welland "Y", spoke briefly on the work that made the building a reality.

He said that Wellanders' showed interest in a number of other area projects like Brock University and Niagara College, and so organizers "saw no reason why the community would not

support an indoor pool project."

A decision was made to proceed on the project, Mr. Johnston said, with Dr. Jacques Dubois, president of the Welland "Y" at that time, "accepting the challenge and responsibility of such an important undertaking".

Dr. Joseph Leon, chairman of the 'Y' finance committee, said that the fundraising campaign organized for the project was one of the greatest such campaigns undertaken in the city.

Dr. Leon said that it was through the "untiring efforts" of William A. Thomas, drive committee chairman, that the campaign was able to reach its goal.

Congratulations were expressed by Mrs. P. J. Chadsey of Toronto, president of the YWCA of Canada, who pointed out that the Welland organization has always served its community well, and by Mrs. Agnes Roy, executive director of the YWCA of Canada.

William Skinner, acting general secretary of the national council of the YMCA, pointed out that new 'Y' building is the focus of 'Y' activities in Welland, but that this focus also extended to an international level as more than 80 countries around the world that have 'Y' facilities.

Also present for the ceremonies was Donald Tolmie, Welland Riding MP, and Ellis Morningstar, member of the provincial legislature for Welland. Among the congratulatory telegrams received was one from Prime Minister Trudeau.

HONOR MISS PITTS

The opening was also highlighted by a key ceremony, the cutting of the traditional ribbon by Mayor Pietz, and a special presentation to Miss Elizabeth Pitts, former executive director of the Welland 'Y'.

The key to the building passed through the hands of people, who, in different ways, made it a reality. James Newmann, president of the project's general contractors, Newmann Brothers, passed the key to Ed Russell, of the architectural firm of Gerenscer and Russell, who in turn gave it to William Sutherland, chairman of the 'Y' building committee, and finally, to Mr. Johnston, president of the local 'Y'.

Miss Pitt, referred to by Mayor Pietz as a person whose enthusiasm inspired many others during the early planning stages and fundraising campaign, was presented with a bouquet by Mr. Sutherland. *Red Rose*

Miss Pitt, who said that a slo-

gan which became important to her was "Everyone benefits when everyone gives", spoke highly of the executive director of the Welland 'Y', Bill Courtney.

The afternoon was climaxed by tours through the new building and a swimming and life-saving, display in the new pool.



Newton, Ottawa

At Ottawa Investiture

Smiles show their pride in honors conferred on them as C. L. Burton (left), director of Simpsons-Sears and chairman of Simpson's Ltd.; Miss Elizabeth Adelaide Pitt, Toronto, and Leopold Macaulay, QC, Toronto, chat after ceremonies yesterday at Government House. Mr. Burton wears insignia as a Knight of Grace in the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem;

Miss Pitt, her insignia as a Serving Sister. Mr. Macaulay became an Officer Brother. Canadian National Railways officers and employes honored included Dr. John P. McGuigan, regional medical officer of the railway at Toronto, and Robert D. Adams, regional supervisor of first aid, Belleville, Ont., who were made Officer Brothers. Governor General Vincent Massey officiated, acting in his capacity of Grand Prior of the Order.

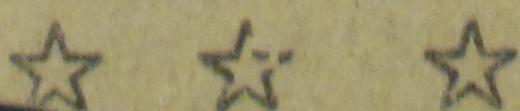


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Fencing is becoming more and more popular with Toronto lassies who want to, literally, keep in shape we hear. . . . Miss Bessie Pitt, supervisor of the Eaton Girls' Club, whom we saw lunching yesterday in a smart navy blue outfit with navy, white and red lace-knit scarf on her frock, says there are bigger fencing classes this year than ever before. . . . Mae West can almost be held responsible for fencing popularity (what that girl isn't blamed for!) because fencing, while good exercise, does not thin you down to the straight and narrow of a few years ago. It lets you keep a few curves. . . . The fencers wear shorts, colored jacket, long gymn stockings and rubber-soled shoes, usually. . . .



For the ultra-smart fencing costume, you should see Aileen Thomas, Ontario and Dominion woman fencing champion, who got her start at the club here in Toronto. . . . Aileen wears a snow-white jacket, white circular skirt, white shoes and stockings and mask trimmed with white. Pretty snappy.



St. John Ambulance Worker Back From Duty Overseas

Elizabeth Pitt in England During Robot Bomb- ings—Hospital Hit

Just back from England and the robot bombs is Lady Divisional Superintendent Elizabeth Pitt of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, who spent four months in England on survey work for the St. John Ambulance Brigade of Canada. She worked in convalescent hospitals, first aid posts and medical aid posts and is high in her praise for the British people.

By only an hour did she miss the bombing of a hospital in which she was working, arriving there just in time to help with the evacuation and the cleaning up. It was also by just an hour that she missed a baby being born in the shelter where she was stationed, but through her efforts and that of a doctor an ambulance arrived in time to take the prospective mother to the hospital.

It is in the first aid posts that casualties and bomb victims are received and the medical aid posts are situated in the tubes where hundreds of Londoners sleep and have slept during the war years. One of her smallest charges was a three weeks' old baby, who with its parents had been bombed out of their home that afternoon.

SAW DEEP SHELTERS

Miss Pitt visited deep shelters in which it takes more than five minutes to walk down to where the hundreds of cots stretch side by side for great distances. They are scrupulously clean, have their own canteens and telephone and loud speaker service over which news and concerts are given. Only those who have been bombed out of their homes are given tickets for these shelters.

People in the shelters are so grateful for anything that is done for them, she explained. On various occasions they brought her an egg or a lum, a bunch of flowers or a cake.

Very few cases of infectious diseases were noticed among the children during the time she was in Britain, Miss Pitt said.

Speaking of the work the St. John Girls are doing abroad, Miss Pitt pointed out that they are now doing transport work with one of their members, Sally MacKeen of Halifax, now being in France. As well as serving in army and civilian hospitals St. John workers are also aboard exchange ships for prisoners of war. Mrs. Beatrice Martin of Vancouver, and Ruth Mackenzie of Sarnia are two who are doing this work. Connie Hutchen of Toronto is driving a mobile unit and has been commended by doctors for her work.

Miss Pitt stressed the need for more V.A.D.'s for both military and civilian hospitals, pointing out that the work these young women are doing will be carried on for many years after the war.

ONTARIO HOUSE PRAISED

She spoke proudly of Ontario House and the "good job" being done there, where Ontario people are welcomed and assisted with any needed information. Canada House and "hard-working Mrs. Vincent Massey" also came in for praise. Mrs. Thomas Gilmour, Lady Superintendent in Chief, of Toronto, who is in charge of the work there not only does a good job of "looking after the girls but takes her turn on duty in the shelters, etc.," Miss Pitt said.

A visit to the joint war organizations, both St. John and Red Cross, also made a deep impression on the Canadian. Here 6,000,000 parcels have been packed for prisoners of war. A packed box every five minutes is the quota of the workers, among whom were two Oriental looking women who turned out to be the former Queen of Siam and her lady in waiting—and who were keeping up their quota. Medical



ELIZABETH PITT

(Telegram Staff Photo)

supplies are sent out from here for prisoners and there are educational, recreational and musical sections to which a prisoner may send in requests. There is another section for prisoners who have been blinded and who are sent lessons in Braille, records, including whole books and courses to assist in returning to civilian life.

V.A.D.'s OVERSEAS

There are between 50 and 100 Canadian girls working as V.A.D.'s in various British hospitals, convalescent hospital, St. Dunstan's and civilian hospitals. While in Britain Miss Pitt lived at a nursing services club. She was working in a hospital on D-Day, and was on hand when the casualties were brought back.

Before going overseas Miss Pitt was supervisor of the Eaton's Girls' Club here.

34.1

The Kaiser's Dream

There's a story now current, though
strange it may seem,
Of the great Kaiser Bill and His
his wonderful dream,
Being tired of the Allies, he lay down
in bed,
And amongst other things he dreamt
he was dead,
And in a fine coffin was laying in
state,
With a guard of brave Belgians, who
mourn'd his fate.
He wasn't long dead till he found to
his cost,
That his soul like his soldiers', had
gone to be lost.

On leaving the earth to heaven he
went straight,
And arriving up there, gave a knock
at the gate,
But St. Peter looked out, and in a
voice loud and clear
Said "Be gone Kaiser Bill, we don't
want you here,"
Well said the Kaiser, "That's very
uncivil,
I suppose after that I must go to
the Devil.
So he turned on his heel, and off he
did go,
At the top of his speed, to the reg-
ions below,

And when he got there he was filled
with dismay
When waiting outside he heard old
Nick say,
To his imps, "Now look here, boys,
I give you a warning,
I'm expecting the Kaiser down here
in the morning.
But don't let him in, for to me it's
quite clear
He's a very bad man, and we don't
want him here,
If once he gets in there'll be no end
of quarrels,
In fact, I'm afraid he'll corrupt our
good morals."

"O Satan, my dear friend, the Kais-
er then cried,
Excuse me for listening while wait-
ing outside,
If you don't admit me, where can I
go,
"Indeed!" said the Devil, "I really
don't know."
"Oh, do let me in, I'm feeling quite
cold,"
Said the kaiser quite anxious to en-
ter Nick's fold,
"Let me sit in a corner, no matter
how hot,
"No," said the Devil, "most certain-
ly not."

"We don't admit people for riches or
pelf,
"Here are sulphur and matches, make
a hell for yourself."
Then he kicked Wilhelm out, and van-
ished in smoke,
And just at that moment, the Kaiser
awoke,
He jumped out of bed in a shivering
sweat,
And said, "Well, that dream I shall
never forget,
"That I won't go to Heaven I know
very well,
"But it's really too bad to be kick-
ed out of Hell."

W. H. Travis.

G.T.R. Baggage-man.

Women's War Work



C. PROCTOR



E. PITT



M. MacKAY



M. NESBITT

Four members of the Toronto Nursing Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade have just arrived in England, according to a cable received by Mrs. George W. Blaikie, district superintendent and provincial V.A.D. officer. The party was in charge of Miss Elizabeth Pitt, lady divisional superintendent for the Eaton's girls' club, and included Cecilia Marie Proctor, Marie Dorothy MacKay and Mary Jane Nesbitt who will serve as nursing auxiliaries at St. Dunstan's hospital for the blind. Miss Pitt's trip is to acquire more experience with the organization and bring back new ideas and suggestions to the Brigade in Canada.

36.1

At School In Denmark

The following is an extract from a letter which was received from Miss Bessie Pitt who is attending the summer classes at the High School of Gymnastics, Ollerup, Denmark.

There are thirty-three of us in the residence, two girls from a 'Y' and a school in Turkey and some English. There are nineteen different schools represented.

The school here is absolutely perfect. Stone buildings with red roofs and heaps of windows that open outwards. They all seem to do that. I have a most gorgeous view from my window. The fields are small and seem to be divided by a row of trees. Some of the farm houses are small white stone ones while others have thatched roofs instead of the common red. There is an awfully pretty thatched cottage near here that has a tiny lake beside it. There is a real old windmill too. It's most fascinating, I could sit and watch it all day. It is on the horizon and its arms wave up into the sky. The stadium is a huge field of short grass with every conceivable thing for games and jumping. Around the outside they have a track. All this is in front of the main school. Here lies the only swimming pool in Denmark. They are very proud of it, it was built by the boys (students) of the school. The King and Queen are coming the first of July to see it. It is 79x25 and so deep! They have all heights of diving boards that take a lot of courage.

The gymnasium is an airy, very light building. Niels Burk teaches from the balcony and doesn't miss a thing. He teaches in Danish mostly so we have to think extra hard.

Yesterday was his birthday and people from all the country came to pay tribute. They gave demonstrations and danced the Danish folk dances in native costume out on the green. The men wore quaint little toques and the tassels bobbed up and down. Here the girls have much long hair and they do it many braided ways, some cartwheels over their ears, and others plain pig-tails. The girls are nearly all fair, golden hair and blue eyes. They are not the extreme heavy type I pictured but are slender and supple. They come from all over this country and Holland and Germany. We're the only ones who speak English. We even number in class in Danish, but my counting is limited to ten.

I think everyone in Denmark owns a bicycle. I was nearly run over

EATON GIRLS' CLUB HOLDS OPEN NIGHT

38.1

Famous Swimming Stars
Perform — Lady Eaton
Presents Prizes

A bevy of swimming stars, both amateur and professional, featured the annual "open house" of the Eaton Girls' Club, held last night at the clubrooms at Yonge and McGill Streets.

The large crowd of people who attended the interesting opening ceremonies, had an unusual opportunity to see some of the big performers in the Wrigley Marathon at close range, and in action. Miss Olive Gatterdam and Miss Helen Miller ably represented the women, and Ernst Vierkoetter and Mendell Burditt, the men.

Each entered the swimming pool and gave a short exhibition of the stroke they used in the marathon and, in cases, added little touches of divertissement. Following this, R. C. Wood, Secretary of the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association, presented a number of prominent amateur short distance swimmers from the Dolphinettes, Parkdale and Toronto Ladies' Clubs, who gave an interesting exhibition of their various strokes.

Continuing the natatorial note, cinema pictures of the 1929 Wrigley Marathon were shown in the library. Meanwhile the guitar class of the Eaton Girls' Club provided a program. Some very finished work was seen in the gymnasium when some of the physical culture classes, under Miss Elizabeth Pitt, put on drills and exhibitions of fencing and clogging. A particularly attractive number was put on by the ballet class under the direction of Miss Norah Griffiths, instructress in dancing.

Following this the guests viewed the pictures that had been submitted in the photography contest by those members of the Eaton Girls' Club who had attended Shadow Lake Camp during the summer months. Dancing in the auditorium closed the program.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the tennis prizes by Lady Eaton, who has always evinced an active and kindly interest in the welfare of the Eaton Girls' Club, and who has devoted considerable time to its development. The complete program of the evening was under the direction of Miss Anne F. Hodgkins, Director of the Eaton Girls' Club, who, together with the club councillors, received the guests, in whom were included R. Y. Eaton, the President, and a good representation of managers and their wives.



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To my dear Miss Pitt
with best wishes always.
Estela



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